

STATE FACTSHEET

Arkansas



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ATSDR partnered with EPA and the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to successfully identify chemical hazards in residential neighborhoods near the former Hope Iron and Metal site in Hope, Arkansas. Children living near the site were at risk for exposure to hazardous chemicals such as antimony, cadmium, and lead. ADH provided health education to local residents on how to protect themselves from the chemical hazards and tested blood lead levels of children living in the area. Ultimately, ATSDR / ADH recommendations led to the removal of the contaminated soil which will prevent further exposure of residents to the contaminants.